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MEXICO

Mexico's Secretariat of Agriculture (SAGARPA) has modified its zoosanitary import requirements for fresh and frozen poultry imported for further processing. The shipments must now be accompanied by a SAGARPA certified veterinarian from the border crossing point to an approved meat processing plant. All costs associated with the veterinarian's services are to be borne by the importer.

In addition, SAGARPA has specified new import requirements relating to exotic Newcastle Disease (END). In a letter to the U.S. Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service (APHIS) dated December 19, 2003, SAGARPA indicated that imports of live poultry, poultry products, and poultry by-products from the U.S. state of California will be prohibited until APHIS provides information on END control measures in California.

Also, SAGARPA required the following statement concerning END on U.S. health certificates until February 20, 2003. "The entire consignment of meat comes from birds which have been kept in an establishment free from New Castle disease and not situated in a New Castle disease infected zone and which have been slaughtered in an approved abattoir not situated in a New Castle disease infected zone and have been subjected to antemortem and postmortem inspections for Newcastle disease with favorable results." While the statement above referred to meat, the letter from SAGARPA indicated that it was required for both live poultry and meat.

In this letter SAGARPA also stated that after February 20, 2003, the following certifications will be required. For poultry meat, meat products, and by-products "That the product comes from flocks that have a 70 bird monitoring program which began after the age of 12 days, using viral isolation and velogenic strain identification tests and interbrain pathogenic index test in one-day old chicks; and is carried out on each lot entering a particular farm, obtaining Newcastle Disease velogenic presentation negative results."

The Directorate of Animal Health from SAGARPA indicated in a letter addressed to APHIS/USDA on Friday January 10, 2003 that, due to concerns of the outbreak of END in Southern California, and to protect the 14 states in Mexico declared free of Newcastle, Mexico is banning the importation of live poultry, hatching eggs, table eggs, SPF eggs, fresh poultry meat, poultry meat, carcasses and mechanically deboned meat for thermic processing, fresh poultry skin, poultry in brine and green, from all the United States.

Initially it was understood that the ban took effect on January 10, 2003, and shipments already in transit could enter through January 17, 2003. A clarification was later released by USDA/FSIS that "raw poultry and poultry may be certified for export to Mexico through January 17, 2003. Certification should not be

provided after January 17, 2003. Full cooked products remain eligible."

USDA/APHIS has dispatched a 3 man team of veterinarians Jan. 14 to explain to Mexican officials the efforts that California and U.S. animal health specialists are making to control spread of and eradicate the disease. On January 18, 2003 AAPHIS reached an agreement with SAGARPA that averted a nation wide poultry import ban. Under the agreement, Mexico's ban would include Nevada and California. A buffer zone would be created around California and Nevada which would include the states of Idaho, Oregon, Utah and New Mexico. Product from those states will be under review temporarily, but not banned. The agreement also limits point of entry of U.S. poultry to Laredo, Juarez and Columbia to ensure that no product enters the states of Sonora and Sinaloa.

The APHIS team was also to discuss lifting the of uncooked poultry from the states of Texas, California, Maine, Virginia, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, and West Virginia because of the detection of Avian Influenza during 2002.

Mexico is a major market for U.S. poultry production, representing the third-largest market for chicken exports and the largest market for turkey exports. Mexico takes 6.9% of all chicken exports, or 1.2% of total production, and 45.2% of all turkey exports, or 3.5% of production, based on 2001 data from the U.S. Economic Research Service.

Source: USDA/FSIS & FAS, Feedstuffs and other new sources

NEWCASTLE - USA

END has spread from three to five commercial operations in California and Nevada health officials have reported that END was confirmed in a backyard flock in Las Vegas. On January 17, 2003, officials placed an immediate federal and state quarantines on poultry in Clark County, which includes Las Vegas, and portions of neighboring Nye County. APHIS and the State of Nevada have begun surveillance efforts of the backyard bird population and are establishing a task force. Meanwhile, 2 more premises are designated for depopulation. Nevada has no commercial flocks.

In California, of the 1,240 premises designated for depopulation as of January 17, 2003, 70.8% have been depopulated, or 878 premises consisting of 734,136 birds according to APHIS. The number of premises testing positive and dangerous contacts continued to expand in California from APHIS's last update. Others have indicated over a million have either been destroyed or are waiting to be destroyed. Also, in California, due to the presence of END, APHIS has stated no birds, bird products, and END-exposed materials or means of conveyance will be moved from a Federal quarantine area without a permit. To get a permit there must be a risk assessment that assures that any movement will not present a risk of moving the END agent from the quarantine zone and exposing susceptible species. Risk assessments will be completed within 72 hours of the request.

Sources: USDA/APHIS, Feedstuffs, and various other sources

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending	January 04, 2003		Year-To-Date	
Type	2003	2002 /1	2003	2002
Liquid	0	246	0	246
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	0	246	0	246

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending	January 04, 2003		Year-To-Date	
Type	2003	2002 /1	2003	2002
Liquid	41	20	41	20
Frozen	43	49	43	49
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	84	69	84	69

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending	January 04, 2003		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002 /1	2003	2002
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	0	580	0	580
Large	905	6,560	905	6,560
Medium	20	2,139	20	2,139
Ungraded	0	0	0	0
Misc	0	0	0	0
Total	925	9,279	925	9,279

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 4-Jan-03

****Note that data is for week ending Jan. 4, 2003****

(PRELIMINARY)	U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,179	1,127	2,306
LAST WEEK	967	678	1,645
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,436	1,171	2,607
TO-DATE/2003	1,179	1,127	2,306
TO-DATE/2002	1,436	1,171	2,607
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	169	4	173
LAST WEEK	101	0	101
SAME WEEK YR AGO	200	0	200
TO-DATE/2003	169	4	173
TO-DATE/2002	200	0	200

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,348	1,131	2,479
LAST WEEK	1,068	678	1,746
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,636	1,171	2,807
TO-DATE/2003	1,348	1,131	2,479
TO-DATE/2002	1,636	1,171	2,807

SOURCE: USDA/AMS PLTRY PROGRAMS, MRKT NEWS BR.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

17-JAN-2003				
CHICKEN	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

17-JAN-2003				
	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	13.00	40,800	-
WTD AVERAGE		13.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	10.50-15.00	10.00-14.00	1,646,000	918,000
WTD AVERAGE	11.63	10.82		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	10.00	10,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		10.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

17-JAN-2003				
CHICKEN	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

17-JAN-2003				
	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	13.00-17.00	13.50-15.00	1,054,950	736,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.87	13.79		
15-20%				
RANGE	11.00-15.00	10.50-14.00	1,142,000	333,000
WTD AVERAGE	13.12	11.30		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00-13.00	320,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.25		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 17 JANUARY 2003.

The undertone on destrapped tenderloins was mostly steady. Inquiry was moderate to instances good on destrapped tenderloins with activity centered on frozen. Interest on frozen destrapped tenderloins was noted from traders taking positions. Some frozen destrapped tenderloins traded at 103 cents delivered February and 106 cents delivered March. The undertone on tom breast meat was barely steady at best with some increased activity noted on fresh at the lower trending prices. The undertone on wing meat continued steady to weak with abundant offerings continuing to be noted from both current and old production. Breast trim offerings available. The undertone on 4-8 lb. breasts was barely steady with lower trending offering prices noted. Trading centered on a moderate volume of frozen destrapped tenderloins for domestic, balance of domestic and export shipments light. Plant grade breasts: 14-16 lb non-basted 98 delivered domestic, basted 8-10 lb, 85-97 and basted 10-12 lb. 92-94 cents delivered export. Mixed hand cut, machine defatted gizzards traded at 45 cents delivered export for January - February shipments. Thigh meat sold at premiums for Russian export shipments.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2003**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	15.00-24.00		18.86	228	18.07	1,288
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	17.00	120	17.00	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	19.00-19.50		19.30	260	19.30	260
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		R	16.00	104	16.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	60.00		60.00	80	47.84	556

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2003**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	18.00-20.00		19.08	638
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	17.00		17.00	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	19.50	104
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	13.00-19.00		16.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	46.50-53.00		51.41	212

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2003**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	15.50		15.50	208
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	19.86	288
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	19.50	104
TAILS		W	19.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		W	14.50	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	41.50		41.50	156

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2003**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.00		19.00	52
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	19.86	288
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	19.50	104
TAILS		W	19.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		W	14.50	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	41.00	108

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2003**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	16.00		16.00	162
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	19.86	288
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	19.50	104
TAILS		W	19.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		W	14.50	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	41.00		41.00	108

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY 2/
Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.